

**Job 7: 1-4, 6-7,
1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23,
Mark 1: 29-39**

FOCUS: The duties of Christian life can bring us hope and meaning.

Each day people get up and go to work, Each day students make their way to class. Each day parents rise to care for their children amidst numerous responsibilities. Each day, monks and nuns wake to pray and work as they give their lives in service to the Lord. These are patterns of life which are repeated around the world.

What is it that drives us to enter these work patterns of daily life even when life is different? We may be driven by a sense of duty to a task or mission which we have undertaken. We may be propelled by our hope that by fulfilling our responsibilities our lives and the lives of others will be enriched. Fulfilling our duties may give us a sense of accomplishment and meaning. This duty can become so much a part of our existence that life seems empty without it.

When we embrace our Christian life through faith it brings the responsibilities of discipleship into our lives. Discipleship is not just a matter of believing, it is a matter of living out the commands of Jesus. Jesus calls us to be holy. He calls us to be charitable and merciful, and to share the Gospel with others. He calls us to be instruments of truth, justice, and peace in our every day world. These are the virtues of a Christian life which must permeate our hours at work, school, and home.

What is it that drives us to live out the commands of Christ each day? It is the same quality which propels us to fulfill our responsibilities in secular life. As Christians, we assume a duty to Jesus Christ, and he has entrusted us with a mission. As Christians, we choose to live the life of Christ day in and day out, moved by the hope that following Christ will make the world a holy place and bring us to salvation. We desire to end each day with a sense of peace and fulfillment that we have done all that the Lord has asked us to do in the events that were a part of that day.

This sense of duty and hope was a significant part of the lives of the holy men and women who preceded us in faith. It was certainly a part of the life of Paul. In his first Letter to the Corinthians we hear the depth of his conviction to preach the Gospel. He is compelled by his sense of duty to Christ to proclaim the Good News. He is driven by the hope that his mission will bring salvation to others and blessings upon his own soul. He makes it clear that he will have no peace in his life unless he is faithful to this work

Paul's deep conviction echoes that of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus spends time in prayer, in preaching, teaching, and curing the sick.. How was Jesus able to do so much? He was driven by a sense of duty to His mission-to save souls, and to fulfill His Father's plan. Jesus knew what he had come to do and he did not rest until it was accomplished.

As we begin the duties of each day, let us stop and remember that we share in the mission of Jesus Christ, not as a command of the Church, but as a command of Christ. To live out the teachings of Jesus is not an optional life style for a disciple of Christ-it is our duty-it is our hope for salvation-it is our source of true peace.

MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

MCCW Outreach

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Wednesdays 1820-1930 MHT Chapel

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FEB. 24, 2003 @ 1900, MHT Parish Rectory. POC Father Burns @ 938-8760

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Will be taught by the Couple to Couple League at a series of 4 monthly classes, beginning 22 Feb, following the 1715 Mass in the rectory. The method taught, the Sympto-Thermal Method, is safe and effective; a far cry from calendar rhythm. For more information and registration, please contact Tom or Patty Strunck @ 446-6789 /struncktf@yahoo.com

Mon – Genesis 1: 1-19, Mark 6: 53-56

Tue – Genesis 1: 20—2:4a, Mark 7: 1-13

Wed – Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-17, Mark 7: 14-23

Thurs— Genesis 2: 18-25, Mark 7:24-30

Fri – Genesis 3: 1-8, Mark 7: 31-37

Sat – Genesis 3: 9-24, Mark 8:1-10

— *Signature*

Sat 8 Feb 1715 Boris Kirsanoff

Sun 9 Feb 0900 Parishioners of MHT

Sun 9 Feb 1100 James O'Neil

Mon 10 Feb 1205

Tue 11 Feb 1205

Wed 12 Feb 1205 Duane Mullinix

Thurs 13 Feb 1205 Phillip Rossano Jr.

Fri 14 Feb 1205 Vera Archuleta

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Attendance 715 Offering \$2,122.35

The next Designated Offering : March 8/9 will be for the “Military Archdiocese”

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1715 Picciuto

0900 Vollmer/Wollschlager

1100 Vetter

1715 M. Naessens, L. Betros, Cadet

0900 F. Biskup, B. Moretti, Cadet
1100 M. Torres, C. Larson, K. Heppes, T. Povich,
 Cadet, Cadet, Cadet

USHERS FOR Feb 15-16

1715	Pat Kane
0900	Austin Commons
1100	Alicia & Karina Wigger

ALTAR SERVERS Feb 15-16

1715 Andrea Glen, Katelyn Leszcynski,
Emily Leszcynski
0900 Cadet Joseph Tomasello, Cadet Rugarber
1100 Juliette Zimmerman, Aaron Kilner, Sean Kilner

PROCLAIMERS FOR Feb 15-16

1715	Hai Eastman / Eric Verzola
0900	David Knellinger / Nicole Miller
1100	Maria Flores / Jackie Whiteside

*I have a question. Whom do I call? Pastoral Coordinator...*Kate Hayden 938-8760

Chaplain's Assistant... SGT M. Ong 938-721
Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

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Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

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The Origins of St. Valentine's Day

Although the mid-February holiday celebrating love and lovers remains wildly popular, the confusion over its origins led the Catholic Church, in 1969, to drop St. Valentine's Day from the Roman calendar of official, worldwide Catholic feasts. (Those highly sought-after days are reserved for saints with more clear historical record. After all, the saints are real individuals for us to imitate.) Some parishes, however, observe the feast of St. Valentine.

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You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may

recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen

Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls.

With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ... (Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.

Pray: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)*

(Format borrowed from Prayer for Intercession of Padre Pio)